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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,613,012, to HOFFMAN et al., issued March 18, 1997. This document is discussed at page 2 of the application.

Applicants also call an International Search Report, issued with respect to the corresponding International application No. PCT/SG 98/00067 to the Examiner's attention.

The International Search report cites the following documents:

(1) German Patent Number 42 43 908 A1 (GAO) to A. BODO, published 30 June 1994, was cited as an "X" category document (i.e. document that is particularly relevant if taken alone) with respect to claims 1, 2, 4-8, 12-17, and 18-27, and was cited as a "Y" category document (i.e. document of particular relevance when combined with one or more

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other such documents) with respect to claims 3 and 9-11. The Examiner indicated the totality of the document as being relevant. An English language abstract and a partial English language translation (from column 3, line 15 to column 5, line 5) is also enclosed.

(2) World WO 96/08093 A1 to MYTEC TECH, published March 14, 1996 was cited as an "X" category document with respect to claims 1, 2, 4-8, 12-17 and 18-27. The Examiner indicated page 3, lines 1-19, and the claims as being relevant.

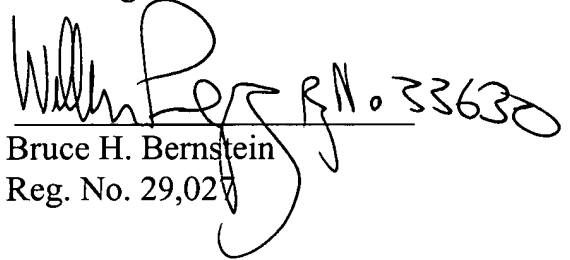
(3) U.S. Patent No. 5, 497, 430 to SADOVNIK, issued March 5, 1996 was cited as a "Y" category document with respect to claims 3 and 9-11. The Examiner indicated the abstract and the claims as being relevant.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials. Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as the English language abstract and partial translation of DE 42 43 908, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report citing these documents (dated April 24, 2001) is also enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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